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1. Prior to January 1955, the former Croessinsee Ordensburg at the western end of Croessinsee (lake) (O 54/R 58) was occupied to capacity by Polish troops of various branches of service. Starting in 1952, the undamaged former Ordensburg was extended by the Poles who built additional billets. In the summer of 1954, construction work was still in progress. 25X1
2. At first, a tank unit, soldiers of which wore blue gray uniforms and blue gray vizor-type service caps with black cap bands, was observed in the area of the Ordensburg. These soldiers frequently came to the town of Falkenberg (O 54/R 48). In winter, they wore very short gray blue fabric overcoats. Detachments of this unit which numbered 100 to 150 men occasionally marched to the Falkenberg movies. The soldiers served their full term of active 25X1 military service. The unit has been located in the area of the Ordensburg for some time. Between 1952 and 1954, tanks and factory-new motor vehicles were supplied to the unit by rail. Numerous shipments of material arrived in 1954. On the occasion 25X1 of one of these shipments, about 50 full-track vehicles 25X1 at the Falkenberg railroad station. 25X1 personally observed these detraining activities, these vehicles were armored vehicles with revolving turrets which he could not quite definitely identify as T-34 tanks when pictures were shown to him. He said, however, that he saw neither JS tanks nor SP guns on this occasion. Prior to the spring of 1955, no major exercises of the tank unit were observed in the area around the former Ordensburg. Training activities which involved up to about 5 tanks were frequently observed in the wooded area northeast of the Friedrichsdorf (O 54/R 47) estate. The troops located in the former Ordensburg held major exercises in the area of the troop training grounds southwest of Dramburg. (O 54/R 37). In spring, no entraining of tank troops was observed at the Falkenberg railroad station. 25X1
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4. In addition to the tank unit and the engineer unit, the former Ordensburg also quartered another motorized army unit, soldiers of which wore army uniforms with red cap bands and laced shoes with puttees. Columns of trucks which were occupied by soldiers who apparently belonged to this unit were frequently observed. During the last two years [REDACTED] vehicles were supplied to this unit by train. They were [REDACTED] at Falkenburg by soldiers who wore red service color. [REDACTED] in in 1953 included low guns which were towed by trucks and had long, slender barrels and muzzle brakes. In the fall of 1954, motorized units which were equipped with three-axle trucks and jeeps were observed at field training in the wooded area northeast of Friedrichsdorf. The field kitchen of these troops was parked at the Friedrichsdorf estate. It was definitely known that these soldiers belonged neither to the tank unit nor the engineer unit.¹
5. Prior to January 1955, a Polish military band was stationed at the former Ordensburg. On holidays, this band also played in public. [REDACTED] the bandmen wore yellow cap bands. Even when being repeatedly questioned, they insisted on the correctness of this statement. 25X1 25X1
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7. Troops from the former Ordensburg only were observed at training in the military training area west and northwest of the former Ordensburg. No troops came to this area from other stations. An individual biplane was frequently observed landing on the open terrain west of the Ordensburg. Officers' billets were located in the area of the former Bueddow (Büdow) estate, 1 kilometer southsouthwest of the former Ordensburg. An undetermined number of apartment houses [REDACTED] constructed at this site. No komendatura or headquarters was known [REDACTED] depot which was surrounded with barbed wire and included underground tanks and piled-up barrels was located just north of the estate, on the west side of the way from the estate to the former Ordensburg. The depot was used for routine supplies to the troops in the former Ordensburg.
8. In January 1955, billets for Polish officers and their dependents were located in about 6 modern brick buildings on the eastern perimeter of Falkenburg, about 500 meters east of the post office and on the south side of the Tempelburg (O 54/R 68) road. The officers belonged to the units which were stationed at the former Ordensburg. Officers observed at these billets wore the uniforms of the tank troops, the border guard troops, and normal army units. Prior to early 1955, there were no barracks installations or other troop billets in the area of the town of Falkenburg.
9. The Falkenburg railroad station was equipped only with the old ramp installations which were constructed by the Germans. Activities observed at the railroad station never included entraining of troops, but were confined to incoming shipments of material which were consigned to the troops in the former Ordensburg. Two brick buildings which were used for military purposes were located almost opposite the railroad station and north of the track installations. Soldiers under arrest were detained in one of these buildings. Two long brick sheds south of the Falkenburg railroad station,

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